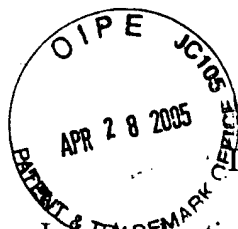


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2005

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is June 30, 2005.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. **However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from the Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0346.** In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.108100.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.